

## The Railroads of the Country.

The report of the interstate commerce commission for the year ending June 30, 1899, presents many remarkable facts concerning the growth of the railroad business of this country, and perhaps the most remarkable thing of all is the showing that only one passenger was killed for every 2,189,023 carried.

The salient points in the commission's report have already been given in the daily press, but it may not be amiss to republish a few of the statistics:

On June 30, 1899, the total single track mileage in the United States was 189,204, an increase for the year of 2,898. This increase is greater than for any year since 1893. The aggregate length of mileage, including tracks of all kinds, was 552,364. There were 36,703 locomotives in service at the end of the year, or 499 more than for the year ended June 30, 1898. The total number of cars of all classes in the service was 1,675,916, an increase of 49,742. The number of persons employed on railroads was 928,924, an increase for the year of 34,366.

The amount of railway capital outstanding was \$11,033,954,898, or a capitalization of \$60,556 per mile of line. The amount of capital stock paying no dividends was \$3,275,509,181, or 59.39 percent of the total amount outstanding, and the amount of funded debt, excluding equipment trust obligations, which paid no interest, was \$572,410,746. The number of passengers carried during the year was 523,176,508, an increase for the year of 22,109,827. The number of tons of freight carried was 359,763,583, an increase of 80,757,770. The aggregate earnings of the roads were \$1,313,310,618, an increase over the previous year of \$66,284,497. The operating expenses are shown to have been \$856,968,999, an increase of \$38,990,723. The amount of dividends declared during the year was \$111,089,960.

The total number of casualties to persons on account of railway accidents was 31,743, the number of persons killed being 7,123, and the number injured 44,620. The number of passengers killed during the year was 239, an increase of 15, and the number injured 3,442, an increase of 497, or one passenger was killed for every 2,189,023 carried, and one injured for every 151,798 carried. Of railway employees 8,810 were killed and 34,923 were injured during the year.

Both locomotives and cars being employed in the term equipment, it is estimated that the total equipment of the railways on June 30, 1899, was 1,412,619. Of this number 808,074 were fitted with train brakes, the increase being 166,812, and 1,137,719 were fitted with automatic couplers, the increase in this being 228,145.

Practically all locomotives and cars in the passenger service were fitted with train brakes, and of 9,894 locomotives assigned to that service 9,128 were fitted with automatic couplers. Nearly all passenger cars were fitted with automatic couplers. With respect to freight equipment, it is noted that nearly all freight locomotives were equipped with train brakes and 45 per cent of them with automatic couplers.

Of 1,295,510 cars in the freight service on June 30, 1899, 730,670 were fitted with train brakes and 1,067,338 with automatic couplers.

From the classification of employees it appears that there were 39,970 engineers, 41,152 firemen, 28,232 conductors, and 69,497 other trainmen.

There were 48,686 switchmen, flagmen, and watchmen. Upon the basis of special returns made to the secretary of the commission, it appears that the number of switchmen, flagmen and watchmen included in this aggregate could fairly be assigned in the proportion of 6, 2, and 2, respectively. Disregarding 9,334 employees not assigned to the four general divisions of employment, it is found that the services of 34,170 employees were required for general administration, 287,163 for maintenance of way and structures, 180,749 for maintenance of equipment, and 417,508 for conducting transportation.

The report contains a statement of the average daily compensation of eighteen classes of employees for eight years, beginning with 1892. A summary in the report also gives the total compensation of more than 99 per cent of railway employees for the fiscal years 1895 to 1899. During the year ending June 30, 1899, \$522,967,896 were paid in wages and salaries, an amount \$77,459,635 in excess of that paid during 1898. The compensation of the employees of railways for 1899 represents 60 per cent of their operating expenses, and 40 per cent of their gross earnings.

**Famed Places in a Famous Region.** Lively peaks, invigorating air, beautiful scenery, delightful society, cascades, rushing streams, enchanting surroundings, magnificent hotels—such is the make up of the White Mountains region of New Hampshire.

This vast region, covering many, many square miles of territory, is one great summer resort. Every necessity for enjoyment is at hand and nothing will be found lacking that the tourist might suggest or expect.

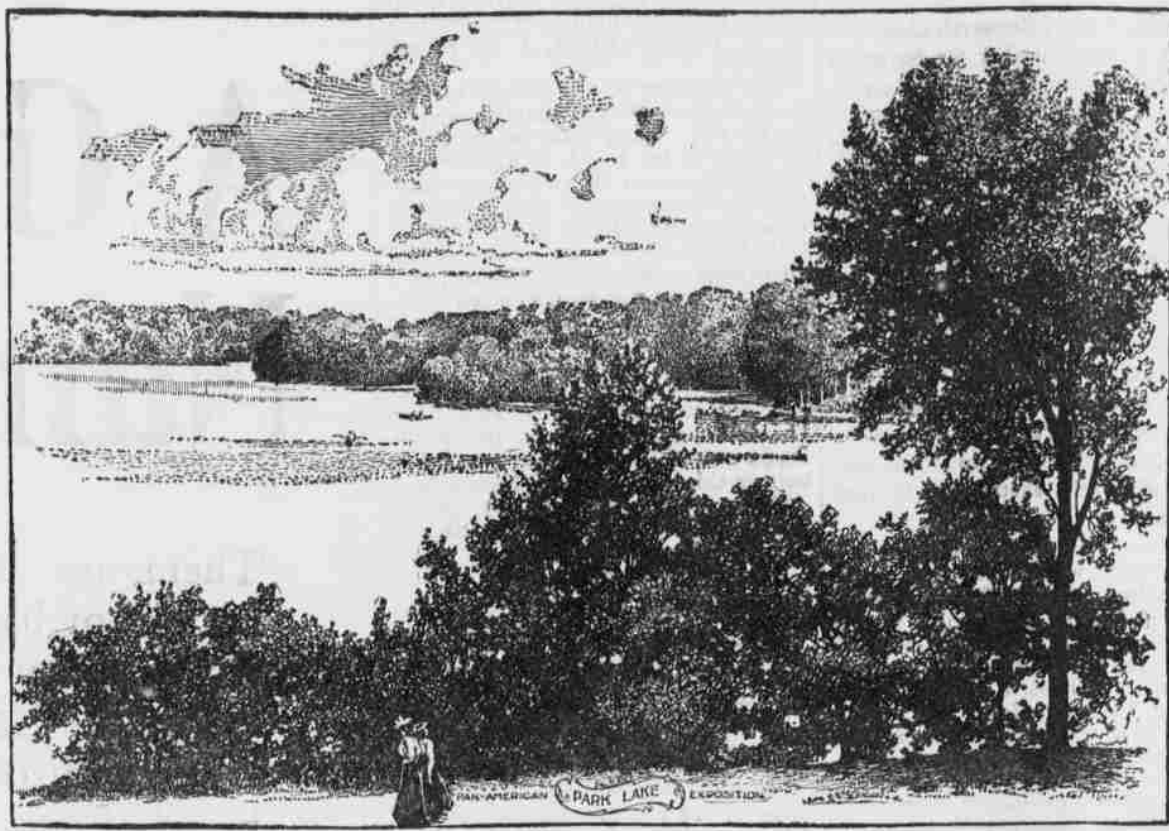
Go of course stands paramount as the leading recreative allurement, and mountain climbing is a chief feature in White Mountain life, nearly every mountain having its path; but to Mount Washington the climbers look for the greatest sport, for there is a variety of ways for ascending the great mountain, and the number of incidents which the efforts are often of a most exciting and thrilling nature.

To get to the mountains there are several different routes, either of which lies through interesting country, and the scenes one finds at every turn are wonderful and magnificent workings of nature. The White Mountain villages are every one of them pleasant places, and each has its own attractions which are important, attractive and are often times picturesque, and have made their locations famous.

In North Conway there are many places of interest, White Horse Lodge being one of the first to attract one's attention. Thompson's Falls, hidden away in the great forests is a most beautiful waterfall and like Artist's Brook and Artist's Falls is delightfully picturesque.

Echo Lake is included in North Conway's environs, likewise The Cathedral, also Diana's Baths, either of which is well worth visiting.

Conway's sunsets are as famed as the Mount Washington sunrise, and the charming effects which they bring are a charm and delight to all who view them. Intervale has many noted attractions



THE PARK LAKE.

Water Features at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo in 1901.

The beautiful Lake here illustrated is about half a mile in length and is within the grounds of the Pan-American Exposition to be held in Buffalo in 1901. The scene is in the most picturesque portion of Delaware Park, which is considered one of the finest in America. The lake is one of a number of fine water features of the Exposition, and is to be illuminated in a novel way at night by countless electric lights. The wooded slopes and shady walks that surround it are restful retreats, and the quiet lake scene is ever picturesque and refreshing. The picture is taken from a point near the west end of the lake, a few rods northeast of where the broad driveway from the Main southern entrance crosses a narrow neck in the lake. A macadam drive follows the bluff along the north side, at the left, and a viaduct over Delaware Avenue connects the meadow Park with the lake section. Upon this portion of the park many thousands of dollars have been expended in improvements. The shrubs and trees include many of the rare decorative species and varieties, and a profusion of flowers is always to be seen along the drives and walks throughout the summer. The main buildings of the Exposition are directly north of the point from which the view is taken.

The lake is to be connected by a series of small catwalks with the grand canal, mirror lakes and lagoons that surround the Exposition buildings.

Old-age Pensions.

The committees which have most clearly pointed out the dangers of old-age pensions have also urged that, within the lines of our present poor-law system it is quite possible to do much, by an improved classification, to distinguish among the recipients of poor-law relief between the respectable and the worthless. Much has already been done, relief between the respectable and the worthless. Much has already been done, relief between the respectable and the worthless. Much has already been done, relief between the respectable and the worthless.

There are many objects of interest to be seen on Mount Washington, among them being Tuckerman's Ravine, Great Gulf and Lake of the Clouds. The geologist and botanist are in clover when on Mt. Washington, for many rare and choice specimens in their lines are found there.

Bethlehem, Littleton, Fabian, Colebrook, Lancaster, Sugar Hill and two score of other mountain resorts will be found to be fully as interesting, and of them an extended description is given in the delineation published by the Boston and Maine Railroad known as "The Book of the Mountains," and which is sent for a two-cent stamp to any address by the Gen'l Pass'r Dept. B. & M. R. R., Union Station, Boston, Mass.

## HOW TO GET WINTER EGGS.

Begin the Proper Treatment of Moulting Hens Now For Large Profits.

Would you like to have three or four times the usual quantity of eggs to sell when egg prices go away up? When eggs bring half a dollar a dozen the troubles of poultry keeping seem worth while—if you are not in the usual predicament of having no eggs just when you want them.

If you really want to make the most of the mid-winter egg harvest the time to make ready is right now. In August and September when hens are moulting, feed them once a day, in the morning mash, Sheridan's Condition Powder. It has a remarkable tonic effect. It is not a food, but makes all the food more nourishing, makes plumage quickly, aids digestion and stimulates the ovaries so that eggs are produced rapidly when the rise in price begins.

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Church music is sold by the choir. Drum music, and much of the piano kind, comes by the pound.—[Woman's Journal.

## Current Press Comment.

At the beginning of the campaign Vermont (Democratic party), comes forward with its list of candidates whom no one expects to elect, but undaunted by defeats for generations it has no deterrent effect on them, they have principles which they believe are right and a conscience that commands obedience to duty. They invariably select the best men for the various offices, men that would fill the offices honorably.—[Poultney Journal.

A news item in a state paper says that "The sentiment of the republicans of Colchester for town representative seems to be centering on Frank E. Bigwood, who will probably receive the nomination and election." That's right Colchester. We have had enough small timber in the House for many years and a change for some bigger sticks is highly desirable.—[Barre Times.

Chairman Babcock, of the Republican congressional committee, has been looking over the situation state by state and district by district and has come to the conclusion that the Republican party has the fight of all fights on its hands to carry the House this year, and he doesn't see any use in trying to keep this trouble from the country at large. The trouble is that same apathy and over-confidence which almost lost the House to the Bryan Democracy in 1898. Even the good times count as an unfavorable factor. People are so immersed in business that they are not thinking much about politics.—[Brattleboro Phoenix.

## Want the Names Removed.

Harlow M. Smith, secretary of the Young Men's Republican club, at Montpelier received the following letter, dated at the Pavilion, August 16:

"In many States it is against the law to attach the names of any person to the United States flag. In Massachusetts they put the names on separate pieces and hang upon either side. Some use the pictures. We would ask you as Republicans, who have preserved the flag, to do so and not mar its beauty by attaching any names to it. "When Gen. Grant was a nominee for the presidency, and came into the city with a flag with his name attached, he demanded it taken off, saying that no man ever lived who was great enough to have his name attached to that beautiful emblem. Many have complied with our request, and we trust that you will show your loyalty to, and love for our beautiful stars and stripes to have it hang alone in its grandeur. "Yours truly, "American Flag Protectors, "By A. Bedford, National Secretary, "49 Milk Street, Boston, Mass."

The Young Men's Republican club is not as yet seriously thinking of removing from the campaign flag the strips of cloth that bear the party candidates' names.

The catch of salmon in Canadian waters last year was valued at \$3,159,306, a decrease of \$2,520,868 when compared with the returns of the previous year.

## Ten Years Pain

"I am a school teacher, have suffered agony monthly for ten years. "My nervous system was a wreck. I suffered with pain in my side and had almost every ill known. I had taken treatment from a number of physicians who gave me no relief. "One specialist said no medicine could help me, I must submit to an operation. "I wrote to Mrs. Pinkham, stating my case, and received a prompt reply. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and followed the advice given me and now I suffer no more. If any one cares to know more about my case, I will cheerfully answer all letters." MISS EDNA ELLIS, Highport, Ohio.

## Sherlock Holmes, Jr.

"My necktie is disarranged," Sherlock Holmes, Jr., suddenly exclaimed. His companion looked at him and said:

"How do you know? You haven't felt it and there is no mirror here that you could have looked into. Sometimes, Mr. Holmes, I am almost forced, in spite of your declarations that you do these wonderful things by reasonable processes, to believe that you must be gifted with second sight. Now, what has convinced you that your necktie is disarranged?"

"I noticed a man look at my tie just now and then feel of his own," the great detective answered.

"Wonderful! Wonderful! Only your tie is all right."—[Chicago Times-Herald.

## VERMONT NEWS.

Vermont Fairs.

Addison, Middlebury, Sept. 5, 7; Battekill Valley, Manchester Center, Sept. 5, 7; Bradford, Aug. 28, 30; Caledonia Grange, East Hardwick, Sept. 29; Caledonia North, Lyndonville, Sept. 19, 20; Caledonia, St. Johnsbury, Sept. 11, 13; Dog River Valley, Northfield, Sept. 18, 20; Franklin, Sheldon Junction, Sept. 12, 14; Lamotte Valley, Morrisville, Sept. 5, 7; Orleans, Barton, Sept. 11, 13; Rutland, Rutland, Sept. 11, 13; Ryegate and Wells, South Ryegate, Aug. 29, 30; Springfield, Springfield, Sept. 5, 6; State, White River Junction, Sept. 11, 14; Union, Tunbridge, Oct. 2, 4; Valley Fair, Brattleboro, Sept. 26, 27; Waits River Valley, East Corinth, Sept. 5, 7; Washington, Washington, Sept. 25, 27; West-ern Agricultural Fair, Haven, Sept. 18, 21; Windsor, Woodstock, Sept. 25, 27; Winoski Valley, Waterbury, Sept. 11, 13.

Charles Hanson was almost instantly killed while at work on the Pine mountain quarry at Groton Wednesday afternoon. He had hatched a stone to the derrick which was being lifted when the rock slipped giving the boom a snap and causing it to rebound which unhooked it from the top of the mast letting it fall and striking Hanson on the back part of the head.

Harry R. Bolles, the new assistant secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Burlington, has assumed the duties of his office.

The buildings on the Price homestead at Middlesex were completely destroyed by fire Friday night, including a large amount of household goods and hay. The cause of the fire is not known. The loss is \$1500 and insurance \$700. T. E. Price and family occupied the place.

Russell Page, son of ex-Gov. Carroll S. Page of Hyde Park left Burlington Thursday night for New York, from whence he sails for Europe for an extended tour.

Engine 231 of the Rutland railroad was in Lake Champlain last week with only a little of its smokestack above the water. While running light Friday morning the engine went through the apron, as it is called, of the drawbridge at Ticonderoga, N. Y., on the Vermont side. The engineer and fireman jumped and swam to shore unharmed. It is not thought that the engine is damaged as the bottom at the place where it went in is soft. As it is sunk so low the draw can be operated without hindrance and the work of raising the machine was started Sunday.

Owing to smallpox in Hardwick and elsewhere the Lamotte county fair set for September 5, 6 and 7, has been postponed. If conditions are favorable it will be held later, probably September 25, 26 and 27.

They are only bubbles, those maiden fancies of love, marriage and motherhood. But what beautiful bubbles they are! Who could not wish that all these fancies could end as did the only fairy stories, "and they lived happily ever after." Pain soon pricks the bubbles, and nothing remains of all the hope and gladness of the bride and a bridal veil and a piece of stale wedding cake.

The only way in which happiness can be realized in marriage is by being forced against its dangers. Most young women are ignorant of the fact that irregularity means a derangement of the woman's functions which may have far reaching consequences after marriage. With this derangement at the start there often follow the drains, ulcerations and inflammations which make life one long misery.

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"I was so weak I did not have breath to walk across my room," writes Miss Emily Miller, of New Providence, Calloway Co., Ky. "My periods occurred too often and the hemorrhage would be prolonged and the loss of blood very excessive. After this I was advised by a kind friend to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, which I did and before long I was taking two bottles of it I could work all day. I took in all six bottles of the 'Favorite Prescription' and about five vials of Dr. Pierce's Pellets. I used no other medicine. I have never had a return of this trouble since."

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will be held later, probably September 25, 26 and 27.

Rev. V. M. Hardy, for over 22 years pastor of the First Congregational church at Randolph has resigned and will probably accept a call to the joint villages of Foxcroft and Dover, Maine.

A rural delivery will be established September 3, at Alburgh Springs.

Mrs. Joseph Swain, whose so-called mysterious disappearance from Island Pond caused some sensation, returned home from a visit to her sister in Whitefield, last week Monday, where she seems to have an impression she had a perfect right to go.

The funeral of Mrs. Charles H. Warren, of Fairlee who committed suicide last week Monday by taking Paris green was held Wednesday afternoon. The reason for suicide is a mystery as her home life was considered most happy, and other circumstances were all that could be desired.

Receiver D. D. Muir, of the Merchants National Bank, of Rutland, which closed its doors March 26, issued notice Friday that persons having claims against the bank would present them on or after Monday, August 20, and receive 50 per cent of the amount of their claim. Those living at a distance can send a receiver's certificate to Mr. Muir and get a draft by mail.

The Willard Manufacturing company of St. Albans will soon begin filling an order from the quartermaster's department of the United States army for 10,000 khaki coats and the same number of khaki trousers. The garments are for the use of the soldiers in the Philippines.

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